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Lutheran Church and School of Messiah

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

(March 27th, 2022)

The Lord's Supper: If you are visiting with us or have not been instructed in the unique Lutheran teaching regarding the Lord's Supper, we kindly ask you to speak to the Pastor before communing. Thank you.

† DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR †

Greeting and announcements

Sharing of God's Peace

Opening Hymn

"Glory Be to Jesus"

LSB 433

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

† SERVICE OF THE WORD †

- ¹Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
- ²Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- ³For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
- ⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
- ⁵I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- ⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.
- ⁷You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- ⁸I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
- ⁹Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,
or it will not stay near you.
- ¹⁰Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.
- ¹¹Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen
- ¹¹Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Kyrie

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- C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 12:1-6

¹You will say in that day:

"I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
that you might comfort me.

²"Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation."

³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day:

"Give thanks to the LORD,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.

⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their

trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus].

²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: . . .

"There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."' ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back

safe and sound.' ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive" LSB 609 vv 1,3,4,6,7

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offering

† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

- C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
- 2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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Distribution

- Distribution Hymn "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"
"Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow"

LSB 438

LSB 428

Nunc Dimittis

- C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.
- 2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,

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All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

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P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

LSB 686

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The Worship Service Sunday Morning
9:00am, March 27th, 2022

Preacher	Rev. Michael Redeker
Organist	Marilyn Smith
Acolyte	Jonas Ashcraft, Marek Ashcraft
Elders	Victor Lozano, Ray Seeley
Ushers	Allen Weber, Ron Sawyer, Peter Chaney, Art Peterson
Greeters	Beth Weber
Videographer	Chris Hayes

Calendar for the Week of March 28, 2022

Sunday	9:00am	Facebook Live
	10:30am	Bible Study-Revelation/Sunday School/Facebook Live
	7:15pm	The Grape Vine Bible study (MPR)
Monday	1:30pm	Office Staff Meeting
	3:15pm	School Staff Meeting
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall
	1:00pm	Ruth Circle
	4:00pm	Junior High Youth
	5:30pm	Senior High Youth
	7:00pm	Lydia Circle (Carolyn Baker 970-434-1524)
Wednesday	8:00am	WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE
	9:30am	Wednesday Bible Class/Leviticus/Zoom
	5:15pm	Soup Supper
	7:00pm	Lenten service/No Communion
Thursday	10:30am	Bible Study - Lynn Jolley (Library)
	1:00pm	Dorcas Circle (library-no lunch)
	6:30pm	Handbells
	6:30pm	Pastor Redeker's Online Bible Class-Leviticus
Friday	-----	Pastor Redeker's Day Off
	8:00am	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Saturday	8:00am	Dyslexia Foundation (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	9:00am	Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live
	10:30am	Bible Study-Revelation/Sunday School/Facebook Live

Announcements

EASTER CARDS ARE HERE! - Cards are available in the LWML Cart down in Fellowship Hall. They are \$5/box (no individual sales). Any questions contact Romaine (970) 216-4295.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM- We are once again fundraising to add monies for our Scholarship Program. If you would like to donate, please write "scholarship" on the memo line on paper or online check. Thank you!

SPANISH TEACHER NEEDED FOR THE NEXT YEAR - We are in need of a Spanish teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. If you know of a Christian who would be able to teach 10 hours a week in the afternoons, please have them contact Karen Mead. Please keep your ear to the ground and help us discover who God has set aside for us.

RECRUITING FOR MESSIAH LUTHERAN SCHOOL - It is word of mouth that brings in new students more than any other marketing tool. Please encourage families both inside and outside of our church to attend our school for an academically challenging Christian education. See our ad in Mesa Mall near Cabela's.

UNDERSTANDING OUR BELIEF: Every Tuesday, at 6:00pm, Mr. Scott Mauser hosts a class on apologetics, discussing how to share what we believe in truth, love, gentleness and respect. These classes are over at the Alpha and Omega Institute, 1011 N 10th St, Grand Junction, CO 81501. Hope you can make it!

COMMUNION VOLUNTEERS needed for 2022! Please consider serving our Lord and your church by volunteering to help with communion. Sign up in the narthex on the bulletin board. If you need to be trained or have questions, please contact Laura Ryden at (970) 260-6766.

PRAYER REQUESTS- *"But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you," (Matt. 6:6).* Prayer requests for you, family with permission, or by a pastor, may be sent to Beth Weber at weber4342@acsol.net.

GIFT PLANNING- Life changes. So also, your gift plan as part of your estate plan needs to change as well. Years ago, you created a planned gift for ministry, to support a congregation you were a part of. Now, you have moved halfway across the country. That ministry no longer exists, yet your financial plans still point to support of it. Your

Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can help you identify the gifts found in your plan and assist you in considering whether they match your current wishes. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS- Thrivent members, do not forget to direct your Choice Dollars® to the church general fund or to the school scholarship fund. You have two easy options to direct your Choice Dollars: Online at www.thrivent.com or by calling 800-847-4836

THRIVENT CARDS- THANK YOU to those who donated! Soup Suppers are taken care of.

- March 30th - Girls on The Run
- April 6th - Church Camp

MESSIAH'S RADIO MINISTRY-Sunday mornings at 8:30am -9:00am on 1100AM/KNZZ radio station. It is followed by The Lutheran Hour at 9:00am. If you would like to be a sponsor for our radio ministry, contact the church office, 970-245-2838.

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OUR CHURCH IS DOING A NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY! - We want everyone to get a new picture taken so that our new directory will be complete. **IT WON'T BE COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU!** You can make your appointment at church (times are limited) by contacting Beth Weber in church office (970) 245-2838. During the photo shoot, greeters are needed.

CHRISTIAN CHALLENGE:

Christian Challenge is a campus ministry whose goal is to prepare the way for the King on the CMU campus. We meet Thursday nights in Dominguez Hall, room 214, for dinner

at 6:00pm, followed by Bible study/discussion. All college students and college age people are welcome! If you have any questions you can contact Chris Hayes!
Phone: (970)985-5660, email: cjhayes@mavs.colorado.edu

POTATO BAR THANKS- Thank you to all who donated and participated in the successful Potato Bar which served 42 students from CMU at Four Winds on 2/27/22. We will be serving the Potato Bar again on 3/27/2022. Due to the successful donations from the first meal, we only need a few items, there will be a sign-up sheet in the main lobby. Michelle Marie is the contact again, please let her know if you wish to assist again. We will be serving one more meal this school year, Sunday May 1st. Watch for updates and sign up coming soon, as we will be selecting another hot meal and dessert menu.

THE PREGNANCY CENTER - Current needs are winter onesies newborn through 12 months boys and girls (not white). Also needed are unscented baby wipes, size 5 diapers, and quart size Ziplock bags.

BIRTHRIGHT - Birthright is happy to announce that two of their moms are no longer in need of our food assistance. We are still helping one mom plus two new moms. Current needs are spaghetti sauce, Fruit Loops, macaroni and cheese, size 3 diapers, and Pampers only (due to allergies) size 2. Thank you for your continued support. Any questions please contact Jackie (970) 245-1596.

3RD SUNDAY SERVICE: Is now The Grape Vine Bible study! We are moving to the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month @7:15pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. This will be a small group Bible study with prayer and music. We will be using the book "The Ragamuffin Gospel" by Brennan Manning. You may want to purchase it. All are WELCOME!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SOUP SUPPERS ON WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

APRIL 6TH - "It's About the Cross" Middle School Easter Pageant

EASTER SUNDAY - Sunrise Easter Service 6:00am with Easter Breakfast to follow.
Easter Service 9:00am.